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1. QUEBEC GOVERNMENT HAS NO RIGHT TO SEEK TO LIMIT SCOPE AND BREADTH OF DEBATE PRECEDING SEPARATION REFERENDUM, ONTARIO PREMIER WILLIAM DAVIS WILL STATE IN A SPEECH TO BE DELIVERED THIS EVENING (SEPTEMBER 15).
2. ELECTION OF GOVERNMENT IN QUEBEC "WITH COMMITMENTS QUITE RADICAL FROM ITS PREDECESSORS OR FROM NEIGHBORING JURISDICTIONS" IS A PERFECTLY LEGITIMATE ACT FOR THOSE SEEKING A NEW ARRANGEMENT AND IS ENTIRELY WITHIN "THE TRADITION OF DISSENT AND PARLIAMENTARY EXPRESSION OF THE PUBLIC WILL." AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS SIMILARLY LEGITIMATE FOR THOSE OPPOSED TO RESPOND BY SEEKING TO DEFEAT THAT GOVERNMENT "AT THE NEXT ELECTORAL OPPORTUNITY."

3. MOREOVER, "IT IS MY RIGHT, AS IT IS THAT OF EVERY THOUGHTFUL CANADIAN LEADER, TO VISIT THE PROVINCE DURING ANY CAMPAIGN...TO MAKE THE CASE FOR CANADA."

4. DAVIS WILL EXPRESS HOPE THAT QUEBEC NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL STRIKE OUT ANY RESTRICTIONS ON DEBATE WHEN ENABLING LEGISLATION FOR REFERENDUM IS ENACTED, AND WILL ANNOUNCE THAT ONTARIO IS PREPARED TO HAVE A GOVERN- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENT REPRESENTATIVE APPEAR BEFORE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO MAKE THAT CASE WHEN PROPSED LEGISLATION IS CONSIDERED.

5. DAVIS WILL ALSO TAKE A DIG AT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF THE ECONOMY: "CANADIANS DESERVE GOVERNMENTS, LEGISLATURES AND PARLIAMENTS THAT CAN DEAL WITH THE

ECONOMY AND NATIONAL UNITY AT THE SAME TIME WITHOUT SACRIFICING EITHER," IMPLYING THAT TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT IS SETTING ASIDE ACTION TO STIMULATE ECONOMY "AS DEBATE ON NATIONAL DESTINY BECOMES MORE HEATED."

6. CONGEN WILL POUCH TEXT OF SPEECH AS ACTUALLY DELIVERED.
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